

this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please insert the following claim 1 for pending claim 1:

- JP 2004-100000*
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1. (Once Amended) A multi-wheel-driving vehicle, comprising:
- three or more axles arranged in parallel along a longitudinal axis of said vehicle, each of said axles provided on both ends thereof with respective drive wheels, wherein one of said three or more axles is a steering axle provided with steerable drive wheels;
- first and second transmission members, wherein said steering axle synchronously interlocks with said second transmission member, and wherein at least one of the other axles synchronously interlocks with said first transmission member;
- power dividing means interposed between said first and second transmission members, wherein power is transmitted directly to said first transmission member and through said power dividing means to said second transmission member while said power dividing means permits a difference of rotary speed between said first and second transmission members; and

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a prime mover disposed between two of said three or more axles, wherein neither of said two axles is the steering axle.

Please insert the following claim 11 for pending claim 11:

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11. (Once Amended) A multi-wheel-driving vehicle, comprising:
three or more axles arranged in parallel along a longitudinal axis of said vehicle, each of said axles provided on both ends thereof with respective drive wheels, wherein one of said three or more axles is a steering axle provided with steerable drive wheels;
power dividing means including an input member and a pair of output members, wherein power is transmitted directly to one of said output members and said power dividing means differentially shares power transmitted into said input member between said pair of output members, wherein each of said input member and said pair of output members synchronously interlocks with at least one of said three or more axles; and
a prime mover disposed between two of said three or more axles, wherein neither of said two axles is the steering axle.

Please insert the following claim 23 for pending claim 23:

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23. (Once Amended) A multi-wheel-driving vehicle, comprising:
three or more axles arranged in parallel along a longitudinal axis of said vehicle, each of said axles provided on both ends thereof with respective drive wheels, wherein one of said three or more axles is a steering axle provided with steerable drive wheels;
power dividing means including an input member and a pair of output members, wherein power is transmitted directly to one of said output members and said power

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dividing means differentially shares power transmitted into said input member between said pair of output members, wherein each of said three or more axles synchronously interlocks with either of said output members so that each of said output members synchronously interlocks with at least one of said axles; and

a prime mover disposed between two of said three or more axles, wherein neither of said two axles is the steering axle.

Please insert the following claim 32 for pending claim 32:

32. (Once Amended) A multi-wheel-driving vehicle, comprising:

a prime mover;

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three or more transaxle devices disposed in tandem along a longitudinal axis of said vehicle, wherein each of said transaxle devices includes input means and an axle serving as output means, said axle being provided on both ends thereof with respective drive wheels, wherein one of said three or more transaxle devices is a main transaxle device whose input means receives power from said prime mover prior to the other transaxle devices, and wherein one of said three or more transaxle devices is a steering transaxle device whose axle is provided with steerable drive wheels;

first and second transmission members, wherein power of said prime mover is taken out from said main transaxle device to said first transmission member, and wherein said second transmission member synchronously interlocks with at least one of said input means of all the other transaxle devices other than said main transaxle device;

power dividing means interposed between said pair of transmission members, wherein said power is transmitted directly to said first transmission member and through

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said power dividing means from said first transmission member to said second transmission member while said power dividing means permits a difference of rotary speed between said first and second transmission members; and

wherein said prime mover is disposed between two of said three or more axles, and neither of said two axles is the steering axle.

Please insert the following claim 45 for pending claim 45:

45. (Once Amended) A multi-wheel-driving vehicle, comprising:

a prime mover;

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three or more transaxle devices disposed in tandem along a longitudinal axis of said vehicle, wherein each of said transaxle devices includes input means and an axle serving as output means, said axle being provided on both ends thereof with respective drive wheels, wherein one of said three or more transaxle devices is a main transaxle device whose input means receives power from said prime mover prior to the other transaxle devices, and wherein one of said three or more transaxle devices is a steering transaxle device whose axle is provided with steerable drive wheels;

power dividing means including an input member and a pair of output members, wherein power is transmitted directly to one of said output members and said power dividing means differentially shares power transmitted into said input member between said pair of output members, wherein each of said input member and said pair of output members synchronously interlocks with at least one of said axle of said main transaxle device and said input means of the other transaxle devices other than said main transaxle device; and

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wherein said prime mover is disposed between two of said three or more axles,
neither of said two axles is the steering axle.
